

The Big Resort Revival



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3 Big, bad **Jackson Hole** gets a little family-friendly while keeping it gnarly for the black-diamond crowd

For its knee-buckling terrain (50 percent is black or double black diamond), rare "open boundary" policy into 3,000 acres of sidecountry, and the most continuous vertical in the U.S. – 4,139 feet – there's no doubt that Jackson Hole is one of the most challenging mountains in the world. Now, after decades of trading on its experts-only rep, it's investing millions into opening up more intermediate terrain and park skiing.

The new Burton-sponsored Stash Park is the first natural-terrain park in the Rockies and one of only six in the world. Jackson's mellower slopes will also now host the country's first TGR Fall Line Camp, a three-day free-ride tutorial for ages 11 to 18 that teaches park and pipe skiing. It also includes clinics with pros like Dash Longe and Chris Benchetler, plus the chance to edit footage of their corked backflips in the studios of ski-film production company Teton Gravity Research afterward.

For experts, the resort plugs one of its few holes with the Marmot Lift – a double-chair connecting the bottom of Thunder Chair to the Gondola – enabling skiers to stay on the steeper top half for the entire day. –JOSH DEAN

SECRET STASH

Forget Jackson's Corbet's Couloir on a powder day — that's what everyone is thinking. Instead, hit Meet Your Maker, followed directly by Broadway, two white-knuckle chutes that deposit you into the heart of the Cirque.